National Council for promotion of Urdu

7493. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Council for Promotion of Urdu has actually started functioning; and

(b) what measures have been taken to make the Council functional and effective?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDCUATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) The General Body of the National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language and its Executive Board were constituted by the Govt. on 4th Oct., 1994 and 1st December, 1994 respectively. Both the Council and the Executive Board have started functioning.

(b) To make the Council functional and effective, a separate budget head has been provided in 1995-96 for Plan expenditure of the National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language. Further, the Council has decided to accept the existing employees of the Bureau for Promotion of Urdu provisionally on foreign service deputation.

The Council has also decided to constitute a Personnel Committee for personnel management, a Committee for Rules and Regulations for framing the rules and bye-laws for the conduct of the affairs of the Council, a Programming Committee and a Coordination Committee for overall coordination, etc.

Medium of Instruction in Open Schools

7494. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the medium of instruction in the Open School;

(b) whether there is any provision to make use of regional languages as medium of instruction in different regions; and

(c) whether Government have planned to make Urdu as one of the medium of instructions, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) to (c) As per information received from the National Open School (NOS), the medium of instruction in respect of various courses offered by it is Hindi, English and Bengali. NOS has initiated action for development of curriculum as well as rendering of course material into serveral regional languages including Urdu.

Appointment of Vice-Chancellor of Banaras Hindu University

7495. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the term of office of Vice-Chancellor of Banaras Hindu University has expired and he has attained the age of super annuation;

(b) if so, what are the reasons that he is still working there; and

(c) what are the reasons for delay in the appointment of a new Vice Chancellor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) and (b) Under the Act and the Statute of Banaras Hindu University, the Vice-Chancellor of the University holds office for a term of three years or till attaining the age of 65 years whichever is earlier. A retiring Vice-Chancellor may, however, continue in office till his successor is appointed and enters upon his Office. Accordingly, the present Vice-Chancellor